July Children and Family Events

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Kobetich Library 212 Browns Point Blvd. NE



Summer Reading Challenge June 21-August 16

Storytimes •

Baby Storytime | BIRTH-18 MOS. Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories, and movement.

Storytime on the Lawn | ALL AGES Fridays at 11 a.m. July 11, 18, 25 Storytime on the Lawn will be held outdoors in Alderwood Park, next to Kobetich library.

Other In-Person Events • •

Up and Atom STEAM Days

GRADES K-8 | Tuesdays at 4 p.m. Join us to try out different STEAM and craft activities.

- July 1: Georgia O'Keeffe Flower Art
- July 8: Sidewalk Chalk
- July 15: Tie-Dye
- July 22: Balloon-Powered Cars with LeMay - America's Car Museum, funded by Tacoma Creates
- · July 29: Family Game Night

StoryWalk Scavenger Hunt

PRE-K-GRADE 8 | Alderwood Park Grab a Storywalk Scavenger Hunt game sheet at Kobetich branch during open hours in July and August. Walk along and read the StoryWalk at Alderwood Park and bring your completed game sheet back to Kobetich for a prize!



Reptile Man at Kobetich Library.

Reptile Man | ALL AGES

Tuesday, July 29 at 6 p.m.

Join the Reptile Man for a family-friendly educational live animal demonstration

educational live animal demonstration featuring reptiles from all over the world. After the show, participants will have the opportunity to handle or touch and take photos with a few of the animals.

STEAM Day with Greentrike

PRE-K-GRADE 5

Wednesday, July 30 at 4 p.m. Bring the whole family together to explore concepts of science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Presented by Greentrike, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

Online Events • • •

Registration required.

Pajama Storytime | ALL AGES online (Zoom) | Tuesdays at 7 p.m. July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Come join us for an evening of stories, activities, and songs.

System-Wide Events • • • • •

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month Scavenger Hunt | GRADES K-8 | All Locations
Join us June 24–July 19 for a Pride
Month scavenger hunt inside the library!

Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt

GRADES K-8 | All Locations
Join us July 22-August 16 to complete a
fun scavenger hunt inside the library!

Craftopia Program Kits

AGES 3+ | All locations

- Star Magnets: pick up starting Friday, July 11
- Pinwheels: pick up starting Friday, July 18
- Hanging Yarn Charms: pick up starting Friday, July 25

Around Town • • • • • • •

Beach Walks with Harbor WildWatch

ALL AGES | Tour the parks at low tide to catch a glimpse of the ocean ecosystem and learn good beach etiquette.

- Wednesday, July 9 at 10 a.m.: Jack Hyde Park (1741 N. Schuster Pkwy.)
- Saturday, July 26 at 11:30 a.m.:
 Owen Beach (5605 Owen Beach Rd.)



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July Adult

and Teen Events

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Kobetich Library

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Summer Reading Challenge
June 21-August 16

Book Clubs • •

Kobetich Book Club | ADULTS

Wednesday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m. Join us at Kobetich Library for a discussion of "Better Living Through Birding" by Christian Cooper.



Other Worlds: Online Speculative Fiction Book Club | ADULTS

online (Zoom)
Registration required.
Wednesday, July 30
at 6:30 p.m.

Join us online to discuss speculative books from across genres. July's title is "Old Man's War" by John Scalzi.



In-Person Events

Wisdom Cafe | ADULTS Wednesday, July 2 at 1 p.m. Join us for conversation and camaraderie as we discuss universal topics about life, fulfillment, and aging. All are welcome!

Make Your Own Flower Crown

ADULTS & TEENS
Registration required.
Wednesday, July 2 at 4 p.m.
Rhody's Flowers will provide flowers
and instructions. Create the perfect,
whimsical, summer accessory.



Neon installation at the Tacoma Dome. (Photo courtesy of the Tacoma Dome.)

Drop-In Tech Help | ADULTS

Saturdays at 3 p.m. | July 5, 12, 19, 26 Learn basic computer skills like email, web searching and MS Office programs, using mobile devices, navigating apps, and more.

Push-Pin Travel Maps | ADULTS & TEENS Wednesday, July 9 at 5:30 p.m. Color a map of the USA or of the world and spray glue it to a corkboard, then use push pins to decorate your map with all the places you've been or want to visit. All supplies provided.

Macrame Yarn Wall Hanging | ADULTS Registration required.

Wednesday, July 16 at 5:30 p.m. Join Craftopia for this adult craft program where you will create your own gorgeous macramé style wall hanging out of a wooden hoop and yarn!

Around Town •

A Walk Through Neon | ADULTS

Registration required.
Tuesday, July 15 at 4 p.m.
Tacoma Art Museum
(1701 Pacific Avenue)
Join Pretty Gritty Tours to learn about the city's history with neon and explore Tacoma's bright future.

Books on Tap Book Club | 21+

Event details can be found via Meetup. Tuesday, July 29 at 7 p.m. In honor of LGBQTIA+ Pride Month we'll be reading "Middlesex" by Jeffrey Eugenides.

Closures • • • • • •

All Tacoma Public Library locations will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.



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